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SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN LISBON

ON DECEMBER 17

THE SECRETARY SAID THAT IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO VISIT LISBON FOR THE FIRST TIME. HE APPRECIATED THE WELCOME GIVEN HIM BY THE PORTUGUESE MINISTER WHO HAD SO WELL AND WARMLY REFERRED TO THE LONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PORTUGAL WAS A GOOD AND RELIABLE FRIEND AND ALLY. IN HIS RECENT VISITS THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST THIS WAS EVIDENT. PORTUGAL STOOD BY US DURING THE RECENT DIFFICULTY AND THE U.S. WAS GRATEFUL INDEED FOR THIS. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE BROUGHT WARM GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT NIXON TO THE LEADERS OF PORTUGAL AND THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO CONVEYING THESE GREETINGS IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM.

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